

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri Y. Thomsaiah, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Mallavagu Section, Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division and others – Inquiry finalized and findings received – Imposition of penalty of withholding 20% cut in pension on permanent basis, besides recovery of Rs.3,14,854/- from the pensionary benefits of the charged officer – Show-cause-notice issued – Explanation received - Final orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 40

Dated:02-06-2015  
Read the following:

- Ref:- 1) From the D.G. & Ex-Officio Prl. Secretary to Govt.,  
G.A.(V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.141, dt:12-9-2005.  
2) Govt.Memo.No.8426/For.IV/2005-1, dt:16-11-2005.  
3) From the PCCF Rc.No.53458/2005/PXA1, dt:16-2-2006 &  
24-6-2006.  
4) G.O.Ms.No.121, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept., dt:20-10-2007.  
5) From the PCCF Ref.No.27432/2008/K3, dt:26-4-2009 &  
17-2-2011  
6) Govt.Memo.No.8426/For.IV/A1/2005, dt:15-12-2012.  
7) From the PCCF Ref.No.27432/2008/K3, dt:12-4-2013.  
8) Govt. Memo No:8426/For.IV/A1/2005-5, Dated:17-01-2014.  
9) From the PCCF Ref.No.27432/2008/K3(ii), dt:28-05-2014.  
10) Govt. Lr. No.8426/For.IV/A1/2005, Dt: 07-03-2015.  
11) From the Secretary(FAC), APPSC, A.P., Hyderabad,  
Lr.No.256/RT/3/2015, dt:14-05-2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Director General, V&E Department, while furnishing the detailed report on the works taken up under Neeru-Meeru Programme by the Forest Department in Vinukonda Range in Guntur Division has recommended to initiate disciplinary action against the forest subordinates for the irregularities committed by them.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad in the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, has informed that, disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri Y. Thomsaiah, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Mallavagu Section, Vinukonda Range of Guntur Division and others and an Article of Charge was issued under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules 1991 vide CF, Guntur Rc. No. 937/2006/M3, dt. 20-11-2007 on the following count:

"That Sri Y. Thomasaiah, Dy. Range Officer (Retd) exhibited gross neglect of duty by booking excess expenditure to tune of Rs.3,14,854/- on inadmissible items while execution of soil and moisture conservation of works during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04"

3. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation to the Article of Charge. Not satisfying with the explanation of the charged officer, the Divisional Forest Officer, Guntur and the Forest Range Officer, Vinukonda were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer along with others.

4. After conducting the inquiry, the Inquiry officer has submitted his findings concluding that the Charged Officer cannot straight away adopt higher rates or items which shall not be executed even if sanctioned in estimates and hence, Sri Y. Thomsaiah, Deputy Range Officer, is held responsible for the excess expenditure to a tune of Rs.3,14,854/-, and the charge leveled is proved beyond reasonable doubt. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the charged officer and obtained further defense statement.

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5. Sri Y. Thomsaiah, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Mellavagu Section of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 (2) of APRP Rules, 1980.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and material made available, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 20% cut in pension permanently, besides recovery of the excess expenditure of Rs.3,14,854/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri Y. Thomsaiah, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Mellavagu Section of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division, under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the Charged Officer vide reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above, and the Charged officer has submitted his further defense statement dt:11.03.2014, in which he has not put forth any new points.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 20% cut in pension permanently, besides recovery of the excess expenditure of Rs.3,14,854/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri Y. Thomsaiah, Deputy Range Officer, formerly Mellavagu Section of Vinukonda Range, Guntur Division, under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

10. The file bearing No.1399/06/S, of O/o Divisional Forests Officer, Guntur, containing (214) pages received through the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above is returned herewith. The receipt of the same may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.  
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:  
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.  
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.  
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad  
(with ref. to Lr. No. 256/RT/3/2015, dt:14-05-2015.)  
Sf./Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER